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SUBJECT: MUNITIONS CONTROL-HUGHES FIRE CONTROL SYSTEM

1. JEAN BOLAND, CHIEF OF SECTION ON INDUSTRIAL COMPENSATION OF BELGIAN MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, PLANS TO BE IN WASHINGTON JANUARY 5, 1976, AND HAS ASKED TO MEET WITH DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL INFORMED ON REGULATIONS GOVERNING SALES OF FIRE CONTROL SYSTEM DEVELOPED BY HUGHES AIRCRAFT CORPORATION. THIS FIRE CONTROL SYSTEM IS NOW MANUFACTURED BY BELGIAN FIRM SABCA WHICH ORIGINALLY HAD JOINED WITH HUGHES IN BELGIAN COMPANY, COBELDA, TO BUILD PROTOTYPE OF SYSTEM. IT HAS NOW BEEN INSTALLED IN BELGIAN LEOPARD TANKS AND, ACCORDING TO BOLAND, SYSTEM ALSO HAS BEEN SOLD TO AUSTRALIA. ORIGINALLY FRG WAS INTERESTED IN SYSTEM BUT HAS NOW DEVELOPED ITS OWN, AND BOLAND REPORTS THAT NO WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRY AT PRESENT APPEARS INTERESTED. HOWEVER, SEVERAL NON-EUROPEAN COUNTRIES INCLUDING INDIA AND ISRAEL ARE IN MARKET. BOLAND REPORTS THAT USG REGULATIONS PROHIBIT SALES OUTSIDE OF WESTERN EUROPE. IN INTEREST OF BELGIAN INDUSTRY, HE WISHES TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF EASING UP ON THIS RESTRICTION.

2. PLEASE INFORM US AS TO APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS WITH WHOM BOLAND MIGHT CONSULT THIS SUBJECT ON ABOVE-MENTIONED DATE AND ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS. ALSO PLEASE LET US KNOW WHETHER THERE IS ANY BASIS FOR BOLAND'S UNDERSTANDING THAT U.S. REGULATIONS PROHIBIT SALES

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